

**§ 57.4003 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?**

Any public or private nonprofit health professions school, school of allied health, or program for the training of physician assistants located in a State may apply for a grant under this subpart. Each eligible applicant desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application in the form and at the time the Secretary may prescribe.

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**§ 57.4004 Program requirements.**

(a) The Secretary will award grants to meet the cost of carrying out one or more of the following six purposes:

- (1) Improve the training of health professionals in geriatrics;
- (2) Develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals;
- (3) Expand and strengthen instruction in methods of geriatric treatment;
- (4) Support the training and retraining of faculty;
- (5) Support continuing education of health professionals and allied health professionals who provide geriatric treatment; and
- (6) Establish new affiliations with nursing homes, chronic and acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and senior centers in order to provide students with clinical training in geriatric medicine.

(b) Projects must include one or more of the activities in paragraphs (a) (1) through (6) of this section for four or more types of health professionals as defined in § 57.4002 of this subpart.

(c) Each project must evaluate the program systematically, including the determination of a baseline at the outset of the project and the measurement of the degree to which program and educational objectives are met.

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**§ 57.4005 How will applications be evaluated?**

(a) As required by section 798(a) of the Act, each application for a grant under this subpart shall be submitted to a peer review group, composed prin-

cipally of non-Federal experts, for an evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in the application. The Secretary may not approve such an application unless a peer review group has recommended the application for approval. The Secretary will decide which applications to approve by considering, among other factors:

(1) The degree to which the proposed project adequately provides for the project requirement described in § 57.4004;

(2) The extent to which the rationale and specific objectives of the project are based upon a needs assessment of the status of geriatrics training in the institutions to be assisted and/or the geographic area to be served;

(3) The ability of the project to achieve the project objectives within the proposed geographic area;

(4) The adequacy of educational facilities and clinical training settings to accomplish objectives;

(5) The adequacy of organizational arrangement involving professional schools and other organizations necessary to carry out the project;

(6) The adequacy of the qualifications and experience in geriatrics of the project director, staff and faculty;

(7) The administrative and managerial ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project in a cost-effective manner; and

(8) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis.

(b) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary will consider any special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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**§ 57.4006 How long does grant support last?**

(a) The notice of grant award specifies the length of time the Secretary intends to support the project without requiring the project to re compete for funds. This period, called the project period, will not exceed 3 years. The maximum period of support, including